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In re Patent Application of : )  
Harry J. CHMIELEWSKI )  
Serial No.: 09/996,826 ) Group Art Unit: 3761  
Filed: November 30, 2001 ) Examiner: To Be Assigned  
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE COMPRISING )  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**  
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Sir:

Responsive to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed December 14, 2001, Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration for filing in the cited patent application, along with the required fee of \$130.00 for late filing of the Declaration. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of November 30, 2001 be granted to this application.

Also enclosed is an executed Assignment document and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.

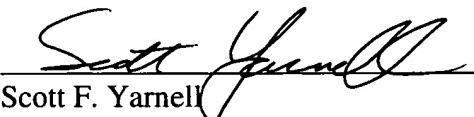
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Respectfully submitted,

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